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To: All Field Officials

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation
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Subject: Federal Wildland Fire Policy Workshop Agenda

Attached is the agenda for the Federal Wildland Fire Policy Workshop.

The workshop will be held in Boise, Idaho, March 9-11. The purpose of the workshop is to understand the process of integrating the Federal Wildland Fire Policy into the Bureau of Land Management's natural resource programs. The target group is line officers, resource specialists, and fire management personnel involved in land use, activity and fire management planning.

Information on facilities and lodging was provided in IB OF&A 99-025 announcing the workshop. Any questions can be directed to Roy Johnson at 208-387-5150 or Terry Rich at 208-373-4043.

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1 - Attachment

1 - Agenda for Federal Wildland Fire Policy Workshop (4 pp.)

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FIRE and RESOURCES

Implementing the Federal Wildland Fire Policy Workshop

March 9-11, 1999

Monday, March 8, 1999

1:00 Cadre Meeting

Owyhee Plaza Hotel - Cameo Room
Joe-Riley Epps - *Workshop Coordinator*

5:00 No Host Ice Breaker

Owyhee Plaza Hotel - Ivory Room

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

7:00 **Sign In**

Boise Centre - The Summit Room

8:00 **Welcome**

Elena C. Daly - *Associate State
Director, Idaho*

Keynote Presentation

Host - Les Rosenkrance - *Director, Office of Fire & Aviation (OF&A)*

Federal Fire Policy - History and Evolution

SamWhitlock- *State Director Retired*

Edward L. Hastey - *State Director,*
California

The Role of Resources in Fire Policy Implementation

Tom Walker - *Deputy Assistant
Director, Renewable Resources and
Planning, Washington Office (WO)*

Break

9:30 Introduction:

Purpose Objectives

Facilitator - Roy Johnson - *Deputy,
Fire Program Manager, OF&A*

Workshop Purpose: To understand the process of integrating the Federal Wildland Fire Policy into the Bureau of Land Management's natural resource programs.

Workshop Objectives:

1. Describe the elements that are required to fully implement the Federal Wildland Fire Policy.
2. Define “Appropriate Management Response.”
3. Discuss the social aspects, legal realities, and responsibilities related to implementing the Federal Wildland Fire Policy.
4. Discuss the risks involved in managing wildland fire and methods to mitigate these risks.

Unit I: Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy

Unit Lead - Butch Hayes -
NRS, NVSO

- 9:45 A. Overview
 Guiding Principles
 Policy Areas
 BLM Approach and Status

Ron Dunton - *Fire Program
Manager, OF&A*

- 10:30 B. Appropriate Management Response (AMR)
 Definition
 Terminology
 Goals

Roy Johnson - *Deputy, Fire
Program Manager, OF&A*
Bill Clark - *SFMO, ID*

Lunch

- 1:00 C. Fire Management
 Planning Process
 Phase 1
 FMP's
 Implementation

 Monitoring

Carl Gossard - *SFMO, CO*

Bill Mitchell - *Fire Planner, OF&A*

Sheldon Wimmer - *SFMO,
UT*

2:45 Break

- 3:00 D. Implementation Process
 Decision Process
 Documentation
 Prescriptive Criteria
 Monitoring

Bill Clark - *SFMO, ID*

Roy Johnson - *Deputy, Fire
Program Manager, OF&A*

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

Unit II: Appropriate Management Response

Unit Lead - Terry Rich - *Nongame
Bird Program Manager (WO)*

- 8:00 A. Roles of Resources, Management, and
 Fire in the Planning, Implementation
 and Monitoring of AMR

Tim Murphy - *DM, Miles City FO*

- 9:00 B. The Social Aspect

Dr. John Freemuth - *Boise State
University*

- 10:00 C. NEPA Compliance

 Examples:
 Wyoming

Bruce Durtsche - *Wildlife Biologist,
NARSC*

Joe Patti - *NRS Planning
Coordinator, WY*

Montana

John Thompson - *Planning and Environmental Specialist, MT*

ICBEMP

Jay Carlson - *Resource Coordinator, ID***Lunch**

1:00 D. Communications / Community Outreach Jack W. Sept - *Chief, External Affairs, OF&A*
 Basic Communications
 Information Distribution

1:30 E. How AMR Fits With Our Neighboring Agencies

Federal Perspective

Tom Zimmerman - *Fire Technology Specialist, NPS, NIFC*

State Perspective

Brian Shiplett - *Idaho Dept. of Lands***Break**

2:45 F. Case Studies - Focus On The Process
 Lakeview, OR
 Craig, CO
 Landscape Prescribed Fire
 Matt Webb - *Fuels/Rx Fire Spec. OR*
 John Husband - *AM, Craig FO*
 Sheldon Wimmer - *SFMO, UT*

3:45 G. Emergency Fire Rehabilitation
 How It Fits With AMR
 The Role of Restoration Funds
 Tom Roberts - *Fire Rehabilitation, WO*

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Unit III: Managing Risk

Unit Lead - Melanie Miller -
Fire Ecologist, OF&A

8:00 A. Risk and Mitigation
 A Look at Safety, Social, Political,
 Economic, and Environmental Issues.

Bob Mutch - *USFS Retired***9:40 Break**

10:00 B. The Legal Realities

Mike Johns - *First Assistant US Attorney's Office*

(11:00-1:00) Breakout Discussion on Fire Policy Issues
 (Selected Group)

Shelley Davis-Brunner -
Environmental Ed. / Volunteer Coord.

Unit IV: Prescribed Fire Issues**Unit Lead** - Phil Range - *Rx Fire / Fuels, OF&A*

11:00 A. Hazardous Fuels Reduction Evaluations:
Summary and Recommendations
Outlook and Process for FY 2000

Gardner Ferry -
Budget Analyst, OF&A

Lunch

1:00 B. Report from Fire Policy Issue Group

Selected Manager

1:15 C. Prescribed Fire/Hazardous Fuels Issues
Hazardous Fuels targets,
projections, and reporting

Phil Range - *Rx Fire/Fuels, OF&A*

2:00 Rangeland Improvement Project
System (RIPS)

Leon Pack - *RMS, NARSC*

2:30 **Wrap Up**

Roy Johnson - *Deputy,
Fire Program Manager, OF&A*
Renee Snyder - *Area Manager,
Challis Resource Area*

Closing Remarks

Les Rosenkrance - *Director, Office
of Fire & Aviation, OF&A*